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Today homosexuality has become a familiar term in the communications media. The trend seems to be toward an acceptance of such behavior since it is not in conflict with the tenets of a permissive society. Indeed, it is frequently argued that a law which makes homosexual activity between consenting adults criminal is unconstitutional in that it unduly discriminates against certain individuals. In addition it is argued that such a law amounts to an invasion into the area of private morality. Whether or not such activity should continue to be prohibited is therefore debatable.

Regardless of the legal issue concerning prohibitory legislation involving homosexuality, the fact remains that such behavior creates serious problems in the area of marriage law. In an attempt to resolve these problems and as an aid to lawyers in the matrimonial field, *The Catholic Lawyer* features in this issue the first of a two part article dealing with the effect of homosexuality on the validity of marriage. The concluding part will appear in the Summer issue.

Reader reaction to the changes in typography and format of *The Catholic Lawyer* initiated in the Winter issue has been uniformly good. Rising costs, both in printing and mailing, have necessitated revisions in form but our substance remains fundamentally the same. Our subscription rates continue unchanged.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Tagan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Editor